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a base having a holder mounting member and a fastening member, said holder being mounted to said fastening member at a first joint position, said fastening member being mounted to said holder mounting member at a second joint position; and  
a bottom plate configured to support said base,  
wherein said first joint position and said second joint position are located at substantially a same distance from said bottom plate, and wherein said first joint position and said second joint position are coplanar along a plane extending through a longitudinal axis of said optical fiber.

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46. (Once Amended) A semiconductor laser diode module comprising:  
a laser diode;  
an optical system including an optical fiber and a lens portion, said optical system being configured to receive and transmit a beam emitted from said laser diode through said lens portion to said optical fiber along an optical axis;  
a holder configured to receive a portion of said optical system;  
a fastening means for fixing said portion of said optical system by supporting and clamping said holder on sides thereof;  
a base configured to support said fastening means and said laser diode, said base including a fastening means mounting member configured to mount said fastening means;  
and  
a bottom plate configured to support said base, said fastening means, said holder, said optical system, and said laser diode,  
wherein a first welding position is obtained by welding said fastening means to said fastening means mounting member, a second welding position is obtained by welding said

fastening means and said holder, and a third welding position is obtained by welding said fastening means and said holder, and

wherein said first welding position, said second welding position, and said third welding position are at substantially a same height in a direction perpendicular to said bottom plate.

52. (Once Amended) The semiconductor laser diode module according to Claim 51, wherein:

said optical isolator is mounted to said fastening means mounting member at a fourth welding position; and

said first welding position, said second welding position, said third welding position, and said fourth welding position are at substantially a same height in a direction perpendicular to said bottom plate.

53. (Once Amended) The semiconductor laser diode module according to Claim 52, wherein:

said optical isolator is mounted to said fastening means mounting member at a fifth welding position, said fourth welding position being located on a first surface of said optical isolator and said fifth welding position being located on a second surface of said optical isolator, said first surface being substantially perpendicular in orientation to said second surface; and

said first welding position, said second welding position, said third welding position, said fourth welding position, and said fifth welding position are at substantially a same height in a direction perpendicular to said bottom plate.